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Representative John Fogarty
United States Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Fogarty:

There have been suggestions in the publication "Science" (22 Sept. 1961) that your House Health Subcommittee was perhaps wasting money by raising the budgetary appropriations for National Institutes of Health above those requested.

As a scientist who has a close acquaintance with the problems of research, I should like to strongly support your past actions and urge that you continue them in the future. From my own direct observations and experience, as well as that of many friends in the field, I should like to make the following comments.

1. The money appropriated, even in the present generous amounts, does not approach the need. In our own case, we are in dire need of additional support for personnel, for equipment, for funds for graduate students and post-doctoral trainees. Our requirements are typical of many hundreds of similar workers who could do more effective work with additional support.

2. We are not utilizing the full potential of our scientific talent, as we have many promising graduate students we cannot support.

3. We cannot afford not to support any bona-fide sincere request by a responsible investigator. There is no telling when, or by whom, some important breakthrough in cancer or other important areas of research will be made.

4. The investments, though large, have been more than paid off by the benefits that have accrued. For example, development of polio vaccines has saved countless millions in human potential, to say nothing of the human misery prevented. There will be discoveries of even greater financial return in the future.

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May I extend to you and Senator Hill my warm congratulations for a job well done and wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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